

FOREIGN SURVEY RESULTS by Bob Schwerdt

In response to my October, 1976, request substantiating commercial Perfins on stamps of foreign countries, my thanks to members Mewhinney, Gourd, Schlegel, Haack, Gault, Bartleson, Needham, Powell, and Smit, who were kind enough to send stamps and/or photo copy.

Of the 63 countries on the October list, 14 are confirmed as having used private (commercial) Perfins, 3 are questionable/probable, and 46 were not reported or non-private Perfins were reported.

A. Countries confirmed using commercial Perfins, and number of dies reported:

Slovakia 1
East Africa and Uganda 1
East India 1
Gov't. India 1
Finland (Russian Occupation) 2
French Offices in China 1
France A M G 3
Germany A M G 1
Berlin
9N #'s 6
10N #'s 5
Tax stamp 1
German Democratic Republic 2
Great Britain, Offices in Turkey 3
Iran (Persia) 2
Portuguese India 1 (on RA#)
Russian Offices in Turkey 2
Memel 1

B. Questionable:

Dominican Republic-die runs off on RA49a.
Iran - one zany pattern on fiscal.
Rhodesia and Nyasaland - Perfin U M,
perhaps Umtali Municipality, an
official?

C. Miscellaneous reports of non-commercial Perfins:

Bermuda - number punch.
British Honduras - telegram punch.
Costa Rica - star and hole punch.
Fiji - specimen punch.
Papua - O S official punch.
Salvador - Chicago Banknote specimen punch.
Federated Malay States - several commercial Perfins reported, but none on #1-13A, the Negri Sembilan over-printed stamps.
Venezuela - A M (or M A?) on fiscal and G N official.

Through previous private correspondence (but not reported as a result of my October request) I have learned that commercial Perfins exist on the stamps of the following countries: Austrian Offices in Crete 1, Canton 1, Pakhoi 1, French Occupation of Lorraine 1, Great Britain, Offices in Tangiers 1, Chamba 1, Faridkot 1, Reunion 2. This list reduces the October list by 8, but there remain some 38 countries without evidence of commercial Perfin usage. I should be glad to hear from any member who can con-

firm commercial Perfins on any of those 38 countries. Sincerely, Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.